

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A frame for supporting and moving a load, the frame comprising:

first and second support legs for supporting said frame on at least one floor;
a load support member, extending between the first support leg and the second support leg, wherein the load support member is sized and shaped to be length adjustable;

a trolley, movably mounted on an external surface of the load support member, the trolley and load support member being sized and shaped to permit the trolley to move along the load support member;

whereby access to the trolley, without removing same from the load support member, is facilitated.

2. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the load support member comprises a first elongate member coupled to the first support leg and a second elongate member coupled to the second support leg, the elongate members being sized and shaped such that the first elongate member is axially slidably mateable with the second elongate member to form said load support member;

whereby the length of the load support member is adjustable by axially sliding the first elongate member relative to the second elongate member when the elongate members are mated.

3. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises a floor-only stabilizer means, associated with said support legs, for stabilizing said frame in a standing position, said floor-only stabilizer means being sized and shaped to stabilize said frame in a standing position by acting only on the at least one floor.

4. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first support leg and the second support leg are configured to be height adjustable.

5. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first support leg and second support leg are configured to be height adjustable independently from one another, whereby the frame may be effectively used with the first support leg resting on a first floor having a level and the second support leg resting on a second floor having a different level.

6. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first support leg comprises a first upper section attached to the load support member and a first lower section coupled to the first upper section, the first upper section being axially slidably mateable with the first lower section, wherein the height of the first support leg is adjustable by sliding the first upper section relative to the first lower section;

and wherein the second support leg comprises a second upper section attached to the load support member and a second lower section coupled to the second upper section, the second upper section being axially slidably mateable with the second lower section, wherein the height of the second support leg is adjustable by sliding the second upper section relative to the second lower section.

7. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 6, wherein the frame further comprises a first height adjustment means, associated with the first upper and lower sections, for adjusting the height of the first support leg, and a second height adjustment means, associated with the second support leg, for adjusting the height of the second support leg.

8. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first and second height adjustment means are configured to permit continuous adjustment of height.

9. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first height adjustment means comprises a first threaded shaft extending axially through the first lower section, the first threaded shaft being axially fixed and rotatably movable relative to the first lower section, and a first stop member, the first stop member being configured to move along

the first threaded shaft in response to rotation of the first threaded shaft, the first stop member and the first upper section being mutually positioned such that the first upper section moves in response to movement of the first stop member, whereby the height of the first support leg is adjusted.

10. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 9, wherein the second height adjustment means comprises a second threaded shaft extending axially through the second lower section, the second threaded shaft being axially fixed and rotatably movable relative to the second lower section, and a second stop member, the second stop member being configured to move along the second threaded shaft in response to rotation of the second threaded shaft, the second stop member and the second upper section being mutually positioned such that the second upper section moves in response to movement of the second stop member, whereby the height of the second support leg is adjusted.

11. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first height adjustment means comprises a first actuator, coupled to the first threaded shaft, for rotating the first threaded shaft to adjust the height of the first support leg, the first actuator being sized, shaped and positioned to permit height adjustment, and wherein the second height adjustment means comprises a second actuator, coupled to the second threaded shaft, for rotating the second threaded shaft to adjust the height of the second support leg, the second actuator being sized, shaped and positioned to permit height adjustment.

12. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first height adjustment means further comprises a first height indicator coupled to the first stop member and positioned so as to visually indicate a height of the first support leg, and wherein the second height adjustment means further comprises a second height adjustment indicator coupled to the second stop member and positioned so as to visually indicate a height of the second support leg.

13. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the trolley includes trolley wheels which permit the trolley to move along the external surface and wherein the external surface includes a wheel-bearing surface for supporting the trolley wheels.

14. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 2, wherein the trolley includes trolley wheels which permit the trolley to move along the external surface and wherein the external surface includes a wheel-bearing surface for supporting the trolley wheels;

the wheel-bearing surface comprising a first wheel bearing surface on said first elongate member and second wheel bearing surface on the second elongate member, the first and second wheel bearing surfaces being sized, shaped and positioned so as to permit the trolley to move continuously from the first elongate member to the second elongate member.

15. (Original) The frame of claim 14, wherein the trolley comprises first and second trolley wheels positioned on a side of the load support member and third and fourth trolley wheels positioned on an opposite side of the load support member, and wherein the wheel bearing surface comprises a first-and-second wheel bearing surface and a third-and-fourth-wheel bearing surface.

16. (Original) The frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second support legs are detachably attached to the load support member.

17. (Original) The frame as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first and second support legs are detachably attached to the load support member, and wherein the first elongate member and second elongate member are detachable from one another by sliding the first elongate member and the second elongate member apart in an axial direction.

18. (Currently Amended) The frame as claimed in claim 16 ~~or claim 17~~, the frame further including a first openable clamp configured and positioned to detachably attach the first support leg to the load support member, and a second openable clamp configured and positioned to detachably attach the second support leg to the load support member.

19. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 3, wherein the floor-only stabilizer means comprises a first stabilizer foot coupled to the first support leg and a second stabilizer foot coupled to the second support leg.

20. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 19, wherein the support legs and load support member are shaped and positioned so as to lie substantially in a single plane, and wherein the first and second stabilizer feet extend away from the plane, on both sides of the plane, sufficiently to stabilize the frame in a standing position by acting only on the at least one floor.

21. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the trolley includes trolley wheels positioned on a wheel-bearing surface and a trolley cover sized and shaped to surround the load support member sufficiently so that if the trolley fails, the trolley cover will grip the load support member;

whereby the load will continue to be supported if the trolley wheels fail.

22. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 2, wherein the legs are configured to be detachable from the load support member;

and wherein the first support leg comprises a first upper section attached to the load support member and a first lower section coupled to the first upper section, the first upper section being axially slidably mateable with the first lower section, wherein the height of the first support leg is adjustable by sliding the first upper section relative to the first lower section;

and wherein the second support leg comprises a second upper section attached to the load support member and a second lower section coupled to the second upper section, the second upper section being axially slidably mateable with the second lower section, wherein the height of the second support leg is adjustable by sliding the second upper section relative to the second lower section;

and wherein the first upper section and first lower section are sized and shaped to be decouplable by sliding the first upper section axially away from the first lower section,

and the second upper section and second lower section are sized and shaped to be decouplable by sliding the second upper section axially away from the second lower section.

23. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first and second stabilizer feet are adapted to be decouplable from the first and second support legs.

24. (Original) A frame as claimed in claim 20, wherein the stabilizer feet each have a length, and a width that is shorter than the length, and wherein the support legs and stabilizer feet are sized shaped and positioned so that the feet extend lengthwise at an angle substantially perpendicular to the plane when the frame is in an assembled condition.